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POLLY'S POINTERS

Blessed Family

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DEAR POLLY — Everyone asks how I manage my eight small children. The oldest is 11. It is really a simple job to get children to do their share if they understand they are part of the family and, as such, must help make things pleasant for everyone, including dear old mom.

The five who go to school get themselves dressed, have breakfast, brush their teeth and straighten their beds. The three little ones pick up toys and take out the garbage. After lunch the little ones and I take a nap and, by this time, I need it.

When the older children come home, they take off their school clothes, hang up those that can be worn again, put on play clothes and then have a snack of their choice. Next they do written homework before supper. They know playtime comes only after this is finished.

A schedule for each one's evening duties is taped inside the kitchen closet door. This is a weekly schedule and shifts the duties daily. The duties are setting the table, stacking dishes, washing, drying, picking up toys and papers. The one who sets the table does nothing after dinner. This is his or her night to relax, watch television and so on. Any remaining study is done after supper with mother and dad on hand to help. Changes have to be made occasionally for special events or when one child is away visiting, or sick. The children aren't denied fun with this routine. We have baseball players on school teams, camping trips in the summer and family picnics.

Our neighbors' children know that our youngsters have specific play times and wait for those hours to call them. My two little girls, 8 and 9, iron beautifully, can sew buttons on playclothes and make and ice cakes and cupcakes.

When I am attending a school or church meeting, dad takes over and does as good, if not better, a job than I do. Before bedtime we pray together as a family to give thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon us. My husband and I are trying to teach and love with all our hearts this wonderful group of children for whom we are so grateful.

The ninth little angel is expected very shortly and our baby of now will be 3 around Christmas time. I am writing as my washing machine churns away for I do eight loads of clothes every five days, fix a "banquet" for 10 every night and can or freeze 150 jars of jelly and 50 quarts of most all vegetables.

So you see, life can be fun if there are a few rules to follow. This, I feel, is good training, because most of our lives are governed by certain laws and rules. If taught early, we learn to respect them and enjoy life to the fullest.—MRS. E.M.

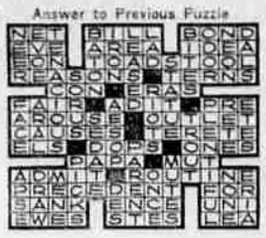
GIRLS—This letter should be an inspiration to all parents. It is easy to imagine the love in that household with parents who have been sensible enough to work out a cooperative and fair plan that can be followed with no one feeling sorry for himself.—POLLY

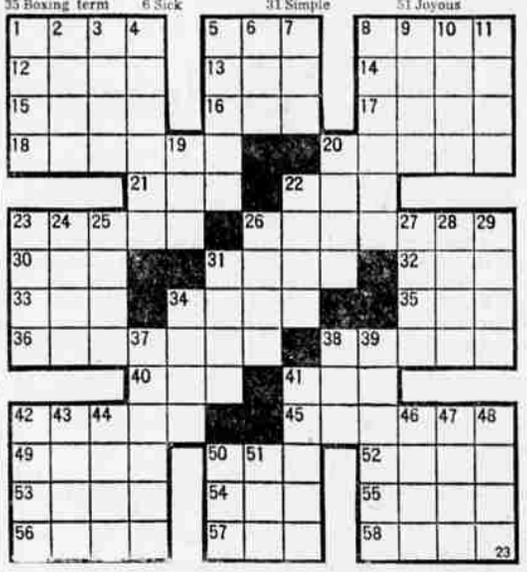
Nevada

ACROSS
1 —— mines at Tonopah
5 Ruth Copper Nevada
8 Site of University of Nevada
12 Central American tree
13 Labor group (ab.)
14 Askew
15 Greek temple
16 Nevada city
17 Miss Hayworth
18 Impervious to
20 —— Valley National Monument
21 Beam
22 —— Vegas
23 Nevada Indian
26 Maxims
30 Hostelry
31 Female horse
32 Every one
33 Greek letter
34 Lake ——, Nevada
35 Boxing term (ab.)
36 Immersers
38 Lake ——, on Nevada line
40 Choler
41 Indian weight
42 Little
45 Nevada's capital, —— City
49 Russian city
50 Self-esteem
52 Diminutive suffix
53 Concerning
54 Legal profession
55 Perches
56 Impoverished
57 Secondary
58 Horse's gait

DOWN
1 Abrupt flexure (anat.)
2 Japanese coin
3 Turn into wind (var.)
4 Arid region
5 Devoutness
6 Sick
7 Plaything
8 Most unusual
9 Lamb's penname
10 Norse night
11 Colored fish
19 New Guinea port
20 Tropical fruit
22 Nobleman
23 Mixed, as type
24 Preposition
25 Two-toed sloth
26 Dutch river
27 Solemn appeal
28 City in Nevada
29 Wild plum
31 Simple
34 European blackbird
37 Comstock —— mines
38 Beverage
39 Take into custody
41 Twenty
42 Hop, —— and jump
43 Mr. Martini
44 Go by aircraft
46 Mix
47 Prince von Bismarck
48 Bird's home
50 Recede
51 Joyous

Answer to Previous Puzzle





Official Details Released On Holy Land Pilgrimage

JERUSALEM, Jordan (UPI) — The apostolic delegate in Jerusalem, Msgr. Linzo Zanini, Saturday disclosed first official details of Pope Paul's pilgrimage to the Holy Land Jan. 4-6. He emphasized the schedule was subject to change "until the last moment."

There were no surprises in the schedule. It closely followed previous unofficial speculation, but it was noted that despite the relative swiftness of the papal program time is allowed for a possible "holy summit" meeting with Archbishop Athenagoras, patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church, if he comes to Jerusalem.

As the itinerary now stands, Pope Paul will leave Rome Saturday, Jan. 4, and fly nonstop to Amman, the Jordanian capital, where he is due at 1 p.m. Jordan time. He will be met by King Hussein and other government officials, as well as church dignitaries.

There will be a pause at the airport for greetings and a private talk between the pontiff and Jordan's youthful king. Then they will ride in a motorcade through Amman and Pope Paul will continue on the more than 50 miles to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will go immediately to the two-story apostolic legation for lunch and a brief rest.

At 4 p.m. the papal party will drive to the Damascus gate where the pontiff will leave his car and walk on foot into the old city.

Still on foot the Pope will proceed to the Via Dolorosa—Way of the Cross — and will follow the route Christ trod on the way to Calvary, from the third to the eighth stations.

Russia Makes Point Of Ignoring Anniversary Of Stalin's Birth

MOSCOW (UPI) — "Mama, who was Stalin?" a little girl asked her mother in a short story published by a Soviet magazine recently.

The question was asked again Saturday, on the 84th anniversary of Stalin's birth, by a new generation of Soviet children if they happened to notice a small-print entry on calendars reading, "1879 — V. Stalin was born."

There was not one word in the Soviet press about the post-humously discredited, once-deified leader. Before his death, almost 11 years ago, he would have monopolized the front pages of all newspapers.

A handful of Chinese and Georgians — the latter from Stalin's native republic—assembled on Red Square Saturday morning.

Pay Respects

They apparently came to pay respects at the snow-covered tomb of the late dictator.

They were not allowed to approach the tomb.

Stalin was removed from Lenin's marble mausoleum in 1961 and buried a few yards behind it — under the Kremlin Wall beside the graves of the Soviet Union's late presidents, Yakov Sverdlov and Mikhail Kalinin.

The area, including the Lenin mausoleum, was blocked to the public. It will remain inaccessible for a month. This is presumably because of repairs periodically done to preserve the embalmed Lenin.

Climbs Over Barrier

A disappointed Georgian climbed over a small barrier and mounted the reviewing stand to have a glimpse at his countryman's grave. A Kremlin guard patrolling the area promptly shooed him away.

"I only wanted to see how the grave looks on Salin's birthday," the Georgian protested.

A small group of Russians standing at the north end of the mausoleum craned their necks in the direction of the marble busts marking the graves of Stalin's neighbors.

There is no such bust to Stalin, but only a crude, flat horizontally-laid stone.

"Is there no monument to Stalin?" A Russian asked.

"Certainly not," answered another. And with apparent sarcasm he added: "He built himself a good enough monument during life."

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